

Question**Question****STAY ORDERS BY COURTS IN RECOVERY OF TAXES**

1475. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI** : Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1487 on January 4, 1991 regarding stay orders by courts in recovery of taxes and state :

(a) whether the information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c) The total number of cases where stay orders were granted by High Courts, Supreme Court and various Tribunals restraining the Government from recovering the Customs and Central Excise duties during the last two years are 1391 and 5754 respectively;

2. Similar statistics in respect of Income-tax or Sales tax cases are not maintained by the Government of India.

Stay orders are in force for varying periods depending on the date of order of the Court in a given case.

As the amount due to the Government is disputed and verdict of Courts/Tribunals is awaited, the question of loss of interest is hypothetical.

Appropriate administrative, legal and other measures as necessary continue to be taken. Courts/Tribunals are moved for early hearings and vacation of stays

REVISION OF PAY SCALES

1476. **SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI** : Will the Minister of **FINANCE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the pay-scales of a number of posts have been further revised after implementation of the Fourth Pay Commission Report;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether representations to further revise the pay scales of some of the posts were received consequent on the revision of pay scales in respect of some grades; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on such representations ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SH. SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) (a) and (b) The pay scales of a number of posts like Assistants Grade of the Central Secretariat Service, Steno-graphers Grade 'C' of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service, Sepoys in the Central Security Force, Pharmacists in Union Territories, Doctors belonging to the Indian System of Medicines/Homoeopathy etc. have been further revised w.e.f. 1-1-86 in order to rectify certain anomalies. The pay scales of some posts were also revised as a result of the orders of Supreme Court/CAT, Board of Arbitration as well as on functional justification. The date of effect of the revised pay scales in such cases have been mentioned in the Government orders issued in that behalf. Details of such cases are, however, not centrally maintained.

(c) and (d) The representations to revise the scales of the posts as and when received are forwarded to the administrative Ministry/Department for appropriate action as the initial examination has to be done by them. Details of such cases are not maintained centrally.

EXPORT IN HARD CURRENCY

1477. **SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN** : Will the Minister of **COMMERCE** be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to promote exports only in hard currency; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Government has decided that in all Export Contracts with foreign buyers in General Currency Area (GCA) countries, the sale price shall be given only in foreign convertible currency. In export contracts with foreign

buyers in Rupee Payment Area (RPA) countries, the above requirement will not necessarily apply.

EXPORT OF READYMADE GARMENTS, TEXTILES, JUTE GOODS, CARPETS AND HANDICRAFTS

1478. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether all exports of readymade garments, textiles, jute goods, carpets and handicrafts are now proposed to be negotiated only in terms of foreign currency and not in Indian rupee; and

(b) if so, the facts in this regard and the names of countries which are agreeable to such terms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) and (b) Government has decided that all export contracts with foreign buyers in General Currency Area countries shall be in foreign convertible currency only. This requirement will not necessarily apply in respect of Rupee Payment Area countries.

CASH COMPENSATORY SUPPORT TO EXPORTERS

1479. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received a number of representations from exporter for allowing Cash Compensatory Support for the next few months in order to enable them to fulfil their on-going trade commitments; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CCS was suspended with effect from 3rd July, 1991 as part of a package of trade policy reform measures. Subsequently, in his Budget Speech, Finance Minister announced that CCS was abolished w.e.f. 3-7-1991.

IMPOSITION OF CASH MARGIN ON IMPORT OF GOODS

1480. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a minimum cash margin is imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on import of goods other than capital goods;

(b) whether the semi-Government and private institutions which get Government grant for imports are exempted from payment of cash margin; and

(c) if not, whether the Government propose to exempt such institutions from payment of cash margin ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that it has stipulated certain minimum cash margins at the time of placement of orders and/or opening of letters of credit for several categories of imports other than capital goods.

(b) No, Sir. Government Departments are, however, exempted from minimum cash margin requirements for imports.

(c) No, Sir.

EXTERNAL DEBT

1481. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the immediate rise in terms of rupee in the external debt obligations as a result of the devaluation;

(b) the break-up of the external debt as on April 1, 1991 in terms of institutional loans owed by the Government, loans from the foreign governments, commercial borrowings by public and private sectors, repayable deposits by NRIs;

(c) the debt service ratio as a percentage of exports of goods and services during 1990-91, and the preceding three years; and

(d) the estimated debt servicing ratio for 1991-92 ?